IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS WACO DIVISION

WSOU INVESTMENTS, LLC d/b/a)
BRAZOS LICENSING AND)
DEVELEOPMENT,) Case No. 6:20-cv-487-ADA
)
Plaintiff,)
V.)
)
ZTE CORPORATION, ZTE (USA), INC.,)
AND ZTE (TX), INC.,)
)
Defendants)

<u>DEFENDANT ZTE CORPORATION'S UNOPPOSED MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO</u> <u>ANSWER OR OTHERWISE PLEAD</u>

PURSUANT TO Local Rule CV-7, Defendant ZTE Corporation herein moves the Court for an additional ten days, until October 9, 2020, for Defendant ZTE Corporation to answer or otherwise plead. In furtherance of this Motion, the Court is informed as follows:

- 1. The instant matter was filed on June 3, 2020. [ECF 1].
- 2. The instant matter is one of 11 cases filed by Plaintiff, on the same day, alleging patent infringement on the part of the three Defendants named in the caption in all 11 actions.
- 3. On July 17, 2020, a waiver of service of process, as executed by Defendant ZTE Corporation on July 1, 2020, by and through counsel, was filed. [ECF 12].
- 4. Due to the waiver, Defendant's date to answer or otherwise plead is currently September 29, 2020.
- 5. This matter involves a Defendant that is a domicile of the People's Republic of China, which necessitates interaction with persons outside of the United States on the part of Defendant's counsel.

- 6. Specifically, because Defendant intends to file a responsive motion (in this and the other ten cases), counsel for Defendant requires certain information for an accompanying affidavit, including, but not limited to, identifying the proper person(s) to execute the affidavit on behalf of Defendant, particularly in consideration of the probability of pre-decision discovery pertaining to matters that will be raised in the affidavit and motion.
- 7. The effects of the worldwide COVID pandemic have created unusual and extraordinary obstacles for counsel for Defendant, including impediments to travel to meet with agents for Defendant, which until the onset of the pandemic had been the normal course of action for counsel for Defendant.
- 8. Counsel for Defendant has been working on drafting the appropriate responsive motion and coordinating with Defendant regarding the information and affidavits that are needed.
- 9. Counsel for Defendant believes that everything necessary can be accomplished in the additional ten days requested.
- 10. This extension is not being sought for any purposes of undue delay or strategic advantage for any party, but is being requested for the reasons set forth in this Motion.
- 11. Counsel for Defendant has conferred with counsel for Plaintiff; Plaintiff offers no objection to this Motion.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Defendant ZTE Corporation pray(s) the Court will grant the relief requested, *i.e.*, order that Defendant's deadline for filing an answer or responsive motion be extended ten (10) days, from the current deadline of September 29, 2020 to October 9, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 25th day of September, 2020, I electronically transmitted the attached document to the Clerk of Court using the ECF system for filing and transmittal of Notice of Electronic Filing to the following ECF registrants:

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